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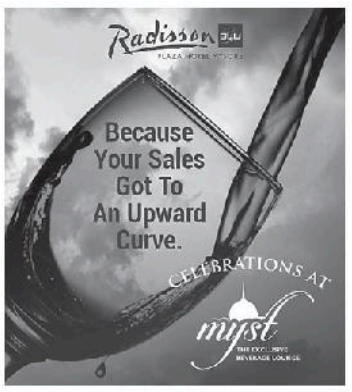

Survey of weak buildings begins in 9 MCC Zones

Dilapidated structures posing threat to public life to be listed

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (RK&BCT)- Taking a cue from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) that has ordered a fresh survey of all dilapidated buildings, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has begun a survey of weak commercial and residential buildings within city limits and under its nine Zones.

While a series of buildings have collapsed in Bengaluru in the recent past raising questions of safety of residents, what has forced the MCC to act now is the collapse of a house at Ittigegud (Indiranagar) on the evening of Oct. 11. Following heavy rains, a portion of the house on Periyathambi Road collapsed trapping three elderly women who were rescued later.

Soon after the incident, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy called a meeting of all Zonal Assistant Commissioners and Assistant Executive Engineers and instructed them to prepare a list of dilapidated houses and buildings and submit a list so that a call can be taken on the fate of such structures.

A view of the house that collapsed at Ittigegud in city on Oct. 11.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the Commissioner said that the survey has already begun in all zones and lists are being prepared. He said that the engineers concerned in each Zone will visit the sites of dilapidated buildings, review and submit accurate information on the same.

"Identification of both commercial and residential buildings which are in poor condition is a continuous process. Officials in the Zonal level have been asked to take action in this regard. We don't want lives to be harmed," Lakshmikantha Reddy added.

Once the buildings are identified, action will be taken at the Zonal level — either demolish, strengthen or vacate the occupants. "All the properties that will come under MCC, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and private properties will be classified accordingly. Once structural engineers inspect the buildings, a decision would be taken on them. If it is a private property, the residents of such buildings will be asked to repair," he added.

Interestingly, the MCC will not bear the cost of rebuilding or strengthening such buildings. The cost will be borne by the MCC only if it belongs to the Corporation. Other building owners too will be identified and will be informed accordingly and there is no question of MCC giving compensation, Lakshmikantha Reddy explained.

It may be mentioned here that when Gurudatta Hegde was the MCC Commissioner from 2019 to early this year, a survey was commissioned to identify heritage as well as dilapidated buildings. At that time 25 buildings in the city were classified as dangerous and 50 of them were classified as unfit for residential purposes and needed to be demolished immediately.

Over 600 buildings were identified as more than 100 years old. However, the issue was put on the backburner later and even Gurudatta Hegde was transferred from the MCC ■

To Our Readers

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Chamundeshwari Rathotsava

No entry for devotees tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct.18 (MTY&DM)- With Goddess *Chamundeshwari Rathotsava* scheduled to take place atop Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Oct.19), the entry of devotees to the Hill Temple has been banned from 4 am to 10 am tomorrow as a COVID safety measure.

In a press release, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that the *Rathotsava* will be held in a simple and traditional manner in the auspicious time between 7.18 am and 7.40 am during which the idol of the deity will be taken around the temple in a small *Ratha*. As a large crowd is expected to visit the Hill Temple for *Rathotsava*, the entry of devotees, members of the public and vehicles has been banned. Entry of devotees through hill steps too has been banned. The customary puja and rituals will be performed in the presence of priests, temple staff and officials. All the rituals concerning the *Rathotsava* will be completed by 8 am, the release said.

Later in the evening (Oct.19), *Mantapotsava* will take place with the idol of the presiding deity placed in *Hamsavahana* and *Simhavahana*, taken in a procession, following which the Temple will be closed for the day.

Teppotsava was scheduled to take place at Devikere atop the Hill on Oct. 21. But due to COVID crisis, it will be limited to just performance of *Teertha Snana* to the presiding deity with traditional puja and rituals. The idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari will be taken from the temple to Devikere at 10 am on Oct. 21 and subsequently, all associated puja and rituals will be conducted till 2 pm under the guidance of the Temple Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 18th October 2021

Kidwai Cancer Unit to open in city soon

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (SBD&KS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has expressed confidence that a Unit of Kidwai Cancer Hospital, Bengaluru, would be established in Mysuru soon.

The MP said that he along MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj met Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Director Dr. Ramachandra, who was in city recently and held discussions with him.

Simha said that Kidwai Cancer Hospital Unit would be established at a cost of Rs. 250 crore at the Super-Speciality Hospital-Trauma Care Centre premises on KRS Road soon and added that Dr. Ramachandra said that about 50-acre land was required to establish the hospital in Mysuru.

The MP informed that Dr. Ramachandra has been assured that the required land would be identified and given to Kidwai.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

India criminalised cannabis under American pressure in 1985 through the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. This was a misguided step totally at variance with ground realities and cultural mores. Most of our courts are happy to bring the hammer down on those who smoke a toke. Possession for personal use accounts for most NDPS offences, and those cases are exactly what India's criminal justice system, sitting on a backlog of 4 crore cases, doesn't need. NDPS Act prescribes up to one year rigorous imprisonment for those involved in cannabis transactions of "small quantity", 1-10 years for "quantity lesser than commercial quantity but greater than small quantity" and 10-20 years for "commercial quantity". Instead, NDPS must evolve a three-tier gradation of offences where, first, cannabis should be decriminalised. Those involved in manufacture, trafficking and supply of hard drugs like meth, heroin, cocaine etc., must face the most prohibitive punishment. And those consuming these banned substances should be tried under civil law, not criminal law — a steep fine would be an appropriate punishment.

This will allow anti-narcotics authorities to concentrate on supply chains that feed the Indian underground narcotics market and the main players in that market. Raiding parties gets you headlines but not results that matter. Anti-narcotics investigators should, in fact, be the first ones to ask for such a change in law and priorities. It is their investigative resources that are wasted in pursuing charas-smoking party-goers.

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist turns spilled coffee into art

Paris: A few people are so talented that they can be artistically inspired by the most unexpected of things, such as spilled drinks. Here, Italian artist Giulia Bernardelli's amazing coffee art began as a mishap.

Giulia was drawing and having her coffee at the same time. At one point, she moved her hand too quickly and spilled her coffee all over the canvas, but the way the coffee stain spread inspired her to pick up the spoon and use it as a brush, to guide the brown liquid. And that's how her journey into coffee art began. She got better and better at it, and today Bernardelli is regarded as one of the world's best coffee artists.

Her spilled coffee art was an instant hit on Instagram, and she has since branched out into other edible art mediums, including, melted ice cream and pie filling, collaborating with various brands along the way.

Van winds up on top of a bus station in France

Plounéventer: The people of Plounéventer, a town in France's Brittany region, woke up last week to a very bizarre sight – a white van perched on top of a bus station. The gendarmerie was notified about the bizarre display in Plounéventer and they took some photos as well, before taking down the vehicle, to avoid any unwanted accidents. However, despite identifying the owner of the vehicle, they still couldn't find any clues as to who or why had placed it atop the bus station.

"It's a total mystery. We know who owns the vehicle, but we don't know how it got there and especially why," Captain Christophe Laval told presspersons.

In the beginning, people on social media suspected some sort of modern art piece, but the gendarmerie quickly clarified that neither of those theories was plausible in this case.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Oxytocin is called love hormone as it plays important role in social bonding especially bonding with newborn baby & milk secretion

By Dr. Anjali B.P - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Admissions open for SSLC at JSS Open School

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (ASC) - To extend educational access to the underprivileged learners through open and distance learning, JSS Karnataka Open School (JSS KOS), under the aegis of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, has invited applications for admission to SSLC/ 10th standard from school dropouts for the academic year 2021-22. The admission process has begun at JSS KOS Study Centres across the State.

Those who have passed or failed in 7th standard and have completed 15 years of age are eligible for admission.

Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) will be conducting exams and issuing marks card to all the enrolled students. Passed students are also eligible to pursue higher education and work in Government or private institutions. Students who have taken admission will be provided with study materials/ books in their respective Centres. Last date to apply is Nov. 30. Proposals have also been invited from those willing to open a Study Centre of the said Open School. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548269 or Mob: 95901-91113.

REALLY...?

- ***Oldest cuisine in human history:** Indian cuisine may be the oldest continuously prepared cuisine in known human history. Of course, what we know at home as "Indian food" varies widely from place to place in the country itself. From the Portuguese-inspired dishes of Goa to the tandoori ovens of the Punjab, there's a wealth of different dishes to discover on a trip to the country.*
- ***Asia's largest wholesale spice market:** Khari Baoli in Delhi is Asia's largest wholesale spice market. It's been in operation since the 17th century and is named after the street on which it's situated.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A conversation between a husband and wife when their son stood first in the class test.

Husband: *He has got my brains.*

Wife: *Must be true. Mine is still with me !?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.36
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.44
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.52
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.24

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 17
Day's Positive Cases	21	42
Total Positive Cases	1,78,696	1,78,738
Day's Discharges	56	35
Total Discharges	1,75,911	1,75,946
Day's Deaths	1	2
Total Deaths	2,403	2,405
Total Active Cases	382	387

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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling Women Self-Help Groups

Under the Amrut Self-employment and entrepreneurship scheme, the office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) has invited applications from registered Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for availing a seed fund up to Rs. 1 lakh that can be used for converting SHGs into micro-enterprises. Interested Women SHGs can obtain the prescribed application form at the concerned CDPO office and the same must be returned before Oct. 23. For details, visit the CDPO office at Mysuru City - Ph: 0821-2491962, Mysuru Rural - 0821-2567940, T. Narasipur - 08227-261267, Biligere - 82212-97171, Nanjangud - 08221-226168, Hunsur - 08222-252254, H.D. Kote - 08228-255320, K.R. Nagar - 08223-262714, Periyapatna - 08223-27474, according to a press release.

Rent out car: Quotations invited

The office of the Industrial Tribunal at Mysuru has invited quotations from car operators for providing a car (preferably Swift Desire AC, Etios or Sedan) for use by the Tribunal Judge, on monthly rental basis along with a driver. The quotations are invited subject to certain conditions. The interested car providers can send their quotations either in person or through post to the office of the Industrial Tribunal located in first floor of ADR Building, District Courts Complex, Malalavadi (Jayanagar), before Oct. 25.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	118.22 feet
Inflow	:	10,427 cusecs
Outflow	:	5,022 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,280.74 feet
Inflow	:	7,205 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,616 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,858.26 feet
Inflow	:	1,360 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,249 cusecs

Gram Panchayat member ends life leaving behind death note

Cops register case against journalist

Gonikoppa, Oct. 18 (Darshan& KS)- A woman Gram Panchayat (GP) member, who had attempted suicide by consuming poison, alleging that a reporter of a local visual media had cheated her after promising to marry her, died on Saturday evening.

Gonikoppa Police, based on her death note, have registered a case against the journalist.

The deceased is H.R. Ramya, a member of Aravathoklu Gram Panchayat. She had consumed poison at her residence in Kaikeri on Oct. 11 and her family members had rushed her to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where she had recovered.

After being discharged from the hospital, she was staying with her mother and on Saturday night, Ramya is said to have developed

H.R. Ramya

severe stomach pain and was being rushed to Mysuru, where she is said to have breathed her last midway.

Ramya had married one Ganesh and the couple has a child. As there were differences of opinion between the couple, they were staying separately.

In her death note, Ramya has mentioned that she had married Reporter Srinivas at a temple. She has further stated that Srinivas had got her aborted when she had conceived and had sent her out of the house. Ramya had also lodged a complaint with the Police a few months ago. Srinivas, who was arrested and jailed in the case, had come out on bail.

The death note further states that as Srinivas had cheated her, people were speaking ill about her and her health began to deteriorate following the abortion. She has held Srinivas responsible for her death.

Based on the complaint from her brother Vinod, Gonikoppa Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

Girl ends life after lover allegedly refuses to marry her

Case registered against eight persons; Departmental enquiry ordered against ASI for refusing to register complaint

Nanjangud, Oct. 18 (RS, Chennappa&KS)- A 19-year-old girl allegedly committed suicide after the youth she was in love with refused to marry her. The girl ended her life by hanging self and the incident has come to light lately.

A case has been registered against eight persons and a Department enquiry has been ordered against the Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Hullahalli Police Station, for negligence when the girl had come to the Police Station to lodge a complaint.

The girl, belonging to a village in the taluk is learnt to have been in love with a youth of the same village and both had physical relationship. Later, when the youth refused to marry her, the girl knocked the doors of Hullahalli Police Station and when she went there to lodge a complaint, ASI Shivaraj is said to have refused to receive her complaint.

The youth, on learning that the girl had gone to the Police Station to lodge a complaint against him, went to the girl's house along with others and had created ruckus in front of the house. Depressed over this, the girl ended her life at her house on Oct. 5. But the girl's family members did not file a Police complaint and had performed her last rites. But when the family members were cleaning the house to perform the 11th day death rituals, they found the death note written by her, it is learnt.

The girl's grandfather, who took the death note, met Nanjangud Rural Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar on Saturday and lodged a complaint following which cases of sexual assault and abetment to suicide were registered against eight persons including the girl's lover at Hullahalli Police Station.

Police said that while the girl's lover will face charges of sexual assault, the remaining persons will face charges for creating ruckus in front of the girl's house which led to her extreme step.

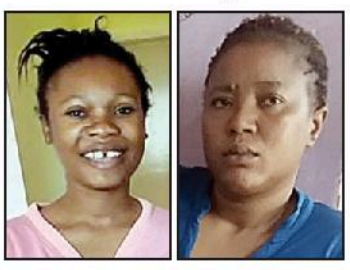
As the girl's grandfather, in his complaint, has stated that the ASI had refused to receive the complaint when the girl had gone to the Police Station, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan, who visited Hullahalli Police Station, said that a Departmental enquiry will be held against ASI Shivaraj for showing negligence and action would be taken.

Nanjangud Dy.SP Govindaraju, Nanjangud Rural Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar and Hullahalli Inspector Raghavendra Khatari were present during the SP's visit.

Two Uganda women escape from Government Stay Home in Mysuru, held in Bengaluru

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (MTY&KS)- Two women from Uganda, who were staying illegally in city after their visa had expired and housed in the Stay Home of the Women and Child Welfare Department at Vijayanagar, from where they had escaped have been held in Bengaluru.

The City Police during their routine check had found four



foreign nationals staying illegally in city even after expiry of their visas. The Police, who had taken them into custody, had sent two of them back to their country and the two women from Uganda were housed in the Stay Home where they were said to have been creating ruckus since 15 days.

On Oct. 16 night, the two women, who had come out of their room on the pretext of drying the clothes, pushed away the security guard and fled after jumping over the compound wall following which the staff of the Stay Home had lodged a complaint with Vijayanagar Police.

Vijayanagar Inspector H.M. Balakrishna, who had registered a case, received information that the two women were traced in Bengaluru, went to Bengaluru yesterday and have taken custody of them.

Obituary

Dr. H.K. Raghu Rao

Mysuru, Oct. 18- Dr. H.K. Raghu Rao (71), Founder of the then Sharada Eye Hospital, now known as Agarwal Eye Hospital on Sayyaji Rao Road, passed away yesterday evening in city.

A resident of Ramakrishna-nagar, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, grandchildren, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Alijanaba Sayeeda Bai

Alijanaba Sayeeda Bai (66), wife of Adil Sait and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday morning in city.

Daughter-in-law of former Minister late Azeez Sait, she leaves behind her husband, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road in city yesterday after Moghreeb Salath, followed by burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds.

Chandra Bai

Chandra Bai (62), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away following brief illness this morning in city.

She leaves behind one son, one daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Ramegowda

Ramegowda (86), a resident of Rayanahundi village in the taluk, passed away on Friday in city. He leaves behind his wife, son Prakash (Panchayat Development Officer of Devalapura Gram Panchayat) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land on Friday.

VOICE OF THE READER

Automated track: Modifications needed in driving skill test

File photo of 'S' track at RTO East.

Sir,

Recently my friend, who has been driving two-wheelers and four-wheelers since more than forty years, failed in the automated driving testing track to check the driving skill. He could not renew his driving licence as he failed in "reverse 'S' test."

In the reverse 'S' test the driver has to drive backwards in the direction of the arrow mark on a track shaped like the English alphabet 'S.' There are 27 poles positioned to mark the track edges on either side. The time limit for this test is 120 seconds. The candidate knocking down not more than six poles and completing the test within the stipulated time will be considered pass.

Now there are a few points to ponder over this test:

The track width is suitable for a small car. My friend used his own sedan for the driving test and got disqualified. Depending upon the vehicle size, the side poles need to be shifted.

Is time limit necessary for reverse driving ? More than 90 percent of the public appearing for the driving test are not going to exhibit their skills in a car racing track.

Whatever new rules are implemented it should be public-friendly and should not be a tool to harass the public.

Most of the senior citizens taking the driving skill test are dependent upon their self-driving, to use their own four-wheelers for their personal use.

The RTO may initiate some modifications in the driving skill test without compromising on the actual and practical skill required for driving.

—K. Chandrahas

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MLC polls: Voter registration and electoral rolls schedule announced

Mysuru, Oct.18 - The Election Commission has announced the schedule for voter registration and electoral rolls for the forthcoming Legislative Council Polls from South Graduates Constituency comprising the Districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar, according to which Graduates who have got their degree certificate from any of recognised Indian Universities at least three years before as on Nov.1, 2021, are eligible to enrol.

In a press release, Deputy Commissioner Dr.Bagadi Gautham, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that all eligible graduates can fill up Form 18 and thus get registered for inclusion in the electoral roll, before Nov.6.

After Nov.6 deadline, the draft electoral rolls will go for print on Nov.11 and the same will be published on Nov.23. The members of the public can file their objections, if any, between Nov.23 and Dec.9, following which the scrutinised electoral rolls will go for print on Dec.25 and the final voter list will be published at designated offices on Dec.30.

The voter enrolment drive provides an opportunity for all eligible graduates to include their name in the voter list for which they are required to fill Form 18 and submit the same at assigned offices before the deadline, the release said.

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Eid Meelad celebration at Masjid-e-Azam tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (KS) - The Managing Committee of Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road has organised Jashne Eid Meelad-un-Nabhi celebration, as part of the birthday of Prophet Muhammed on Oct. 19 evening after Salath Maqrib up to Esha Salath prayers.

The celebrations will be held under the Chairmanship of Sir Khazi of Mysuru Mohammed Usman Shariff. Principal of Azam Arabic College Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath Hazarath Moulana Mufti Mohammed Shamshul Huda Chisty and Principal of Jamiya Tippu Arabic College at Srirangapatna Hazarath Moulana Mufti Sajjad Hussain Khan Misbahi Razvi will speak.

Narasimharaja Constituency MLA and Chairman of Tipu Sultan Wakf Estate, Srirangapatna, Tanveer Sait will be the chief guest.

Isha Salath prayers will be held at the Masjid at 9.30 pm followed by prayers for eradication of COVID-19. Devotees are urged to follow COVID guidelines by wearing face mask and follow social distancing, according to a press release from the President, Secretary and members of the Managing Committee of Masjid-e-Azam.

Govt. guidelines for Eid Meelad and Valmiki Jayanti

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (KS) - In a bid to prevent the spread of deadly Coronavirus during celebrations of festivals, the State Government has issued guidelines for the celebration of Eid Meelad on Oct. 19 and Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti on Oct. 20.

Eid Meelad should be celebrated in a simple manner with religious fervour; Mass procession is banned; Discourses and cultural programmes during day and night should not have assembly of more than 100 persons at a time; Maintenance of social distancing is must; Precautionary measures should be taken at Mosques and Dargahs; Usage of loudspeakers and digital sound systems (DJ) in public places is banned; Wearing of face masks is mandatory at places of worship and action will be taken against those violating the rule; Those above 60 years and below 10 years should pray at their homes and celebrate the festival; Management of religious places should take steps to install sanitiser and hand wash at the entrance.

Mass prayers should be held by keeping COVID Appropriate Behaviour in place and in case more number of devotees arrive, mass prayers should be held in two or three batches; A minimum of 6 ft. distance should be maintained in Mosques during *Namaz* and body temperature should be scanned before entering the Mosque.

Devotees attending prayers at Mosques should bring their own Musalla and avoid shaking hands or hugging; Apart from Mosques, mass prayers should not be organised in public places, Community Halls, Shadi Mahals and open spaces.

Processions as part of Eid Meelad cannot be organised in burial grounds, speeches/ discourses should not be held in public places.

Valmiki Jayanti too should be held in a simple and religious manner sans mass procession. Not more than 100 people can assemble for any programmes; COVID safety measures must be in place where celebrations are held; Usage of loudspeakers banned; People above 60 years and children below 10 years are instructed not to take part in public celebrations.

Devotees are urged to maintain peace and harmony during Eid Meelad and Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti celebrations.

Applications invited for Best Farmer Awards

Mysuru, Oct.18 (ASC)- The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, has invited applications for distribution of 'Best Farmer Award -2021' for both men and women in the field of horticulture. Only one best farmer from both men and women category will be selected from every district of Karnataka. They will be honoured at Horticulture Mela-2021 which will be held between Dec. 22 and Dec. 24 at the premises of the Varsity. The applicants are requested to download the application forms from the website of the Varsity *www.uhsbagalkot.karnataka.gov.in* and submit their filled-in application before Nov.10 to the Office of Dean, University of Horticultural Sciences, Yelachahalli, Yelwal. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970411 or Mob: 81479-59226, according to the press release.

Lions Club holds Mega Health Camp

Lions Club of Mysore Siri, Lions Club of Mysore Vydyas and District Health and Family Welfare Department had jointly organised a mega health camp recently at Sahukar Thimmaiahchar Choultry on Irwin Road in city. Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, who inaugurated the camp, is seen with Past Governors Dr. Ln. Nagaraj V. Bairy, Ln. Jayprakash, Ln. Deviprasad and Ln. Divakar, Corporator Ramani, Ln. Siri Balu and Ln. Ravindra. On the occasion, Pollution Control Board Engineer Prakash was felicitated. Other 15 Lions Club members also participated.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on Annual Report of an Education Fund

A couple of days back I received the Annual Report of the **Coorg Education Fund,** Madikeri, Kodagu, like in the past few years. Though I hardly go through it, it is a reminder that I am a Life Member of this Fund. I don't even remember when and how I became a Life Member. Let it be.

Koothanda P. Uthappa, President, Coorg Education Fund

However, my first connect with this Fund was probably in 1957-58 when I was a student in Madikeri First Grade College, as it was known then. For some reason, may be connected with sports, I was to have a blue-blazer but I did not have the courage to ask my father. A classmate told me that I could approach, with an application, the Coorg Education Fund, the Office of which was in Madikeri itself. Looking back, I guess the procedure to get the money, a sort of loan, was rather simple. And I got the required Rs. 150 and the blazer which I wore with a sense of pride — walking around like a cockerel! Of course, I forgot about the loan and in time the blazer too.

Many years passed. I was in Mumbai as a journalist and I received a letter from my father saying the Coorg Education Fund had sent me (or him) a notice claiming refund of the amount. Mercifully, he also mentioned that he had settled that account in full. After all, it was a question of his prestige in the society. He did not, however, forget to write that I had taken that money without his knowledge.

Time passed, nearly 20 years. I returned to Mysuru, the border district of Coorg, as the Publisher and Editor of this newspaper and the sister publication *Mysuru Mithra*. Simultaneously, I was also writing books in English and Kannada as a pastime. One book was about Coorg and the efforts of Protestant Christians to convert the local Kodavas — a historical fiction titled '*The Cross and the Coorgs.*'

Surprisingly, the Fund decided to honour me for my effort at its Annual Meeting. Aware that I owe no money to the Fund borrowed while a student, I agreed to attend. I don't know if I donated any a money but surely I must have become a Life Member. Otherwise how would I get the invite for the Annual Meeting.

This year the meeting is on 30.10.2021 and with its **President Koothanda P. Uthappa,** at the helm, it is going to be a great year of noble service as in the past. By the way **Koothanda P. Uthappa** has been steering this ship of Fund for the past 21 years with great elan. No wonder the corpus fund for the year 2020 was Rs. 9,05,68,877 as against Rs. 61,13,935 in 2000-2001. A quantum leap indeed and multiple three-cheers to K.P. Uthappa and his team. And the greater glory is that as on 11.9.2021 the corpus is Rs. 11,82,14,382. Should one say more? Funds are in safe hands and as per Report, appropriated properly for the noble service of supporting the cause of education among the community.

Another person who was the President of the Fund for the longest period so far was **Chendanda P. Appanna (Appi),** a big planter whom I had seen and spoken to. He was the President from 1974 to 1997, 23 years. May be, K.P. Uthappa will in the next three years beat the record of Appanna. And we can look forward for a treasury flush with a few more crores.

As I remember, some members of the community had made a request to the Coorg Education Fund to establish a Medical College in Kodagu with its corpus fund of a few crores as the initial capital etc. But the idea was not accepted by the then President. I guess, in retrospect, it was a good decision by the President and the Fund is pursuing the objective of its Founders most honestly with passion even after 158 years.

The genesis of this Fund was in the **Mercara School Endowment Education Fund** started in the year 1863. The British were ruling Kodagu at the time after dislodging the King Chikkaveera Rajendra in 1834.

This Fund was created by 11 noblemen of Kodagu, all Kodavas, at a time when concern for Education was not a priority in the country generally. That Fund was rechristened, I imagine, in the year 1916 as **Coorg Education Fund** and has been rendering its service to the community since then.

I know K.P. Uthappa since over a decade because of **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB)** which he was heading in Kodagu and I was the Vice-Chairman of BVB Mysuru. I found him to be a good speaker, always touching upon matters spiritual, metaphysical and holy scriptures. No wonder of all the Annual General Body Report I receive, of the few Associations and Organisations I am a member, ONLY the Report of this Fund is different from others. Apart from matters pertaining to the Agenda of the meeting as per the law, the Report has writings relating to ethics, morals and noble acts of service to mankind. Well, if the President is a person of K.P. Uthappa's thinking about life and service, apparently steeped in spiritual consciousness, I figure, that it is inevitable such writings too must form part of such Annual Reports. And so it is here.

He has given the vision of Coorg Education Fund in the following words:

"The progress of any community in society depends on the education of their children. It is, therefore, our endeavour that all boys and girls should become graduates, doctors, engineers, CAs and excel in other professions."

"It is such a vision that can serve the society, the community and the country at large."

It is obvious there is a patriotic, nationalistic fervour in this precept prescribed by the President of the Fund. I think this dose of discourse is needed so that we may not despair despite challenges. Of the moral lessons and some quotable quotes, let me reproduce here one interesting episode connected to Winston Churchill:

Masonic contribution

The poor Scottish farmer's name was Fleming. One day, while working in the field, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby marshy land (bog). He dropped his tools and ran to the marshy land.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as father of the boy farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. **Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy.** If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted **Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.**

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son, who was saved from the marshy land, was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time?

Penicillin.

Who was the nobleman?

Lord Randolp Churchill.

Who was his son?

Sir Winston Churchill.

[Both Winston and Alexander were Freemasons]

'Let noble thoughts come to us from every side,' a verse from Rigveda, is the motto of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB). Indeed, K.P. Uthappa is much influenced by the ideals of BVB.

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Sevas resume at M.M.Hills temple

Hanur, Oct.18 (Somu&DM)- With COVID pandemic subsiding, all temple sevas and services of Malai Mahadeshwaraswamy atop M.M.Hills in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district have resumed.

Following the outbreak of the COVID pandemic last year, the authorities had stopped all services and sevas at the Hill temple as a precautionary measure.

Chamarajanagar DC Dr. M.R. Ravi, in an order, said that all sevas and services including Chinnada Rathotsava on Sundays and Mudi Seve have resumed at M.M. Hills temple. The Dasoha (Mass feeding) too has resumed but limited to morning breakfast as at present.

Soon after issuance of the order, the temple authorities resumed daily sevas such as Rudrabhiseka, Mahamangalaarathi, Hulivahana, Basavavahana, Rudrakshi Mantapa Sevas, Chinnada Rathotsava, Dasoha etc.

However, Jatra Mahotsava and Teppotsava will not take place until further orders, according to M.M. Hills Temple Development Authority Secretary Jayavibhavasamy.

Award for Differently-Abled

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (ASC)- The Department for the Empowerment of Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens has invited entries from individuals/ institutions who have made remarkable achievements in the welfare of the disabled and from teachers who have served or serving in special schools for more than 15 years, for State Award (2021). Prescribed applications can be downloaded from the Department website: *www.dwdsc.kar.nic.in* and submit the filled-in forms by Oct. 25 to the District Disabled Welfare Officer, Pulikeshi Road, Tilaknagar.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2490333, according to a press release.

Christian community heads to meet in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (KS) - Christhara Pragathipara Samsthe has organised a meeting of Christian community heads tomorrow (Oct. 19) at the Catholic Centre in city from 10 am onwards.

Atrocities on community members, false accusation on conversions and community's future programmes will be discussed in the meeting. Bishops, Fathers, Pastors and Church leaders will take part. For details, contact Mob: 92424-25123, according to a press release.

JSS Hospital introduces robot for cleaning

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (RKB&BCT)- Robotics are widely used for swift cleaning and it makes cleaning faster and more efficient. Mysuru's JSS Hospital has achieved the distinction of being the first hospital in India to introduce robotic cleaning in medical services. The initiative will be launched at 3 pm at the Hospital premises.

Robotics are user-friendly and achieves customer satisfaction at all levels. It does not require full time monitoring or supervision and is free from electrical hazards and accidents as it has a sensor inbuilt. A designated cleaning area is marked and is fed to the machine through Internet of Things (IOT) and the robot cleans the designated area without any hassle.

Dusters Total Solutions Services Pvt. Ltd., the service partner of JSS Hospital, has taken a call on introducing robotics to the public to keep their premises clean and hygienic and also keeping the pandemic situation in mind.

The robot has been designed by Peppermint Robots is 'SINE IIT-Bombay & Qualcomm powered company' that makes housekeeping robots for industrial and commercial purposes. The machine is fitted with inbuilt water tanks, wastewater collection and draining system and also cleaning brushes. It works on a sensor-based principle and needs no human intervention.

This system will make the cleaning process automatic and efficient which will help in reducing the spread of disease and making a safe and healthy environment.

It automatically cleans hospital floors and the IOT-based system will ensure a clean and healthy environment without putting any pressure or workload on the staff and the robot can also be used at quarantine centres in a pandemic situation.

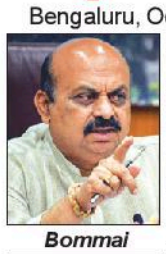
This system will make the cleaning process automatic and efficient which will help in reducing the spread of disease and making a safe and healthy environment.

Compared with manual cleaning, robots can reduce the risk of infection among cleaning staff while at the same time ensuring that cleaning is carried out reliably and traceably.

Because robots are capable of performing continuous cleaning and disinfection operations, even during the night, cleaning can be carried out more frequently and consistently than with manual operation.

MySugar not to be privatised: CM

Bengaluru, Oct.18(KMS &DM)- Bringing cheer to farmers and people of Mandya district,who are staging an indefinite stir at Mandya strongly opposing the Government's MySugar factory privatisation plans, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai declared here this morning that the decades old Sugar Factory at Mandya will not be privatised.



Bommai

Briefing presspersons in the State capital after holding a meeting on MySugar Factory issue at the Vidhana Soudha Conference Hall this afternoon, CM Bommai asserted that the Government has decided not to privatise the Sugar Factory.

Maintaining that measures will be taken to restart the factory in three months, the CM asserted that sugarcane crushing in the factory will resume from next year and will be a continuous process thereafter. He further said that an honest and efficient officer will be appointed to make preparations for restart of the factory.

Proof of pothole filling lies in fresh photos...

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had taken up pothole-filling works soon after the Dasara grants were released. But the works were so pathetic that in most of the places where the filling works were done, the asphalt was washed away and the potholes were back to square one within a week or so.

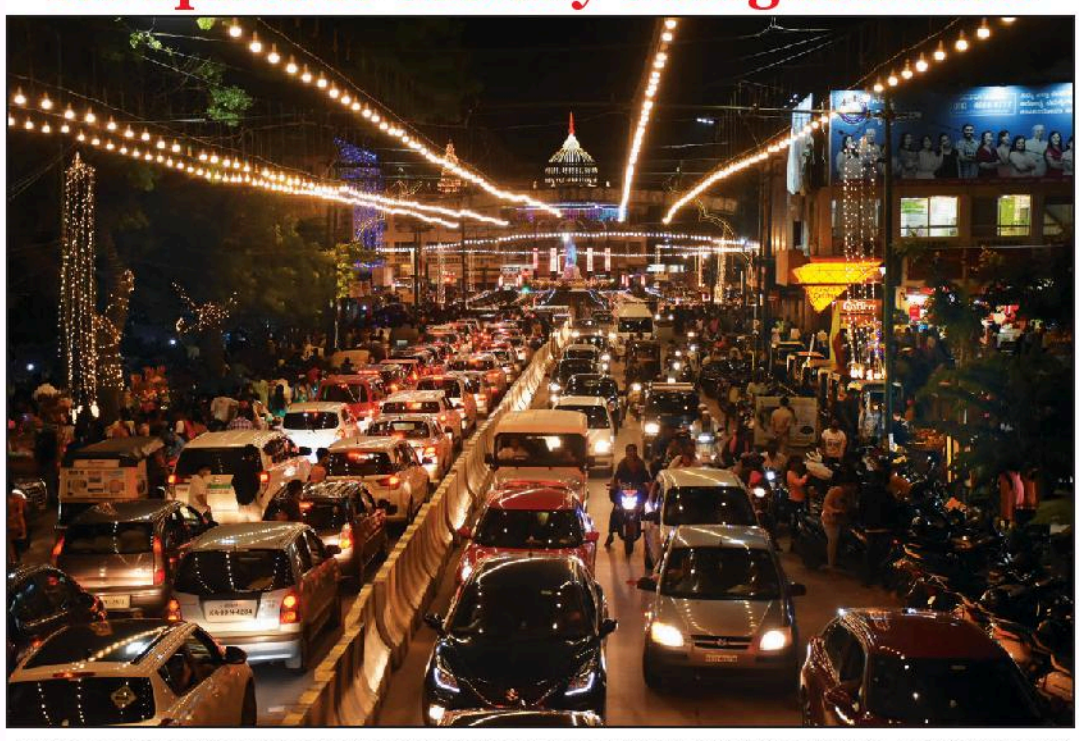
In their enthusiasm to complete the works and take home the Government grants, contractors filled the potholes in a hurried manner and they were washed away in one rain. The chinks in the armour were exposed soon after the rain water receded into the drains carrying along newly laid patchworks.

Following a public hue and cry on the waste of money, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy and Superintending Engineer (SE) Mahesh called a meeting of all Zonal officers and Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) this morning and directed them to re-lay the potholes wherever they have been washed away.

"We have taken this seriously. Over 80 percent of the potholes have been filled and in some places, rain has washed them away. We have asked the contractors to identify all such potholes, cut them properly and re-lay as per specifications. They must complete the works and send us photos of each re-laid pothole as proof," SE Mahesh told *Star of Mysore*.

Like the expression 'The proof of the pudding is in the eating' meaning that you can only judge the quality of something after you have tried, used or experienced it, the MCC now wants the contractors to take the photo of each filled pothole and send them to the bosses for approval.

Motorists, pedestrians jostle for space to see city's brighter side



All those who seldom took their cars out of garages owing to COVID lockdown, restrictions and all those who preferred a two-wheeler to run quick errands to the shops and return in a jiffy are now taking their four-wheelers out on the streets of the city to see Dasara illumination. The city has been lit up in a win-win situation for both the slagging tourism sector and also tourists and visitors who have been desperate to come out of the pandemic blues. Though the streets are clogged with vehicles after 6.30 pm to about 10 pm, the shining vehicles inching ahead under the illuminated serial lights are itself a sight to behold. Vehicles with roof-top openings and also those expensive cars with panoramic and full glass roofs are in great demand for the occupants to have a 360-degree view of the light art works and illuminated insignias. With the background of Eid Meelad festival, the streets are expected to be full tonight and the momentum is likely to continue till Oct. 24, the last day of illumination. *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

First WBC Muaythai India Champion

Surya Sagar of the Academy of Martial Science was crowned the first WBC Super light weight Muaythai Champion of India on Sept. 4 at the FraggingMonk Fight Night-2 held in Bengaluru. The event was sanctioned by WBC, Muaythai, Thailand and hosted by WBC Muaythai India. Surya downed his opponent Basavesh in round 1 via a KO. Incidentally, Surya is the only Indian to win a fight in Max Muaythai promotion in Thailand. He is the son of cine actor Arun Sagar and Meera Sagar and trained by International Coach Kru. Vikram. He will be next competing for a world title. Seen in the picture are (from left) Kevin Alfred David, WBC India Senior VP, Vaibhav Shetty, WBC India President, Surya Sagar and Kru. Vikram, WBC India General Secretary.

KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Club U-16 Tournament 2021

National CC clinches title

Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **Akash, Ajay Jayshankar, Varun Patel, Vishesh, Vishal, Saisugnyan, Gurukiran, Vibodh Ramesh, Dhanush, M. Tejas & Athish Kumar;** (sitting from left) **Coach Deepak Gowda, Captain P. Kishan, President Deepak Srinivasan, Secretary R.K. Harikrishna Kumar, R. Raaj & Coach Balasubramani;** (kneeling) **Abhilash and Dileep.

Mysuru, Oct. 18- Inspiring batting by Openers Varun Patel 80 (10x4), Ajay Jayashankar 47 (5x4) and good bowling by B.S. Gurukiran (three for 24) and R. Raaj (three for 29), helped National Cricket Club (National CC) to register a facile 100-run win over FUCC in the final of the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Club U-16 Tournament 2021 played at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds here recently.

SCORES - FINAL

National CC: 210 for seven in 50 overs (Varun Patel 80, Ajay Jayashankar 47, P. Kishan 38, P. Vybhav four for 37, Rajashekar Swamy two for 26) beat **FUCC:** 110 in 38.5 overs (M. Kanishk 30, M. Dwanith 20, B.S. Gurukiran three for 24, R. Raaj three for 29, Vibodh Ramesh two for 13).

Medal-winners in Boxing

The athletes of Genesis MMA — Faraz Ali and Leela Emanuel won silver medal, Naveena won a bronze while Thushar and Yashraj were awarded 'Certificate of Appreciation' — have excelled at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Boxing Tournament organised by Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association in Bengaluru recently. They are trained under Head Coach Samith Bhat. Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **Faraz Ali, Thushar, Leela Emanuel and Assistant Coach Anjali Gupta.

Wins silver medals in Athletic Meet

Mysuru, Oct. 18- **K.P. Deeraj Karumbaiah,** a first year MBA student of Mahajana PG Centre, Mysuru, took part in the Karnataka State Seniors Athletic Meet held at Udupi in the month of September and won Silver Medals in 1500 mts and 3000 mts Steeplechase.

City Karateka shines at State Championship

Deia S. Urs seen with** (from left) **AKSKA President C.S. Arun Machaiah, General Secretary Bhargava Reddy and RC Chairman K.P. Jose.

Mysuru, Oct. 18- Reigning State U-21 Years and Senior Individual Kata Champion, city's young Deia S. Urs, who took part in this Championship, successfully defended her No. 1 Ranking in both U-21 and Seniors Individual Kata categories by securing gold medals in both the events in the State Championship organised at District Indoor Stadium on Kalasapura Road in Gadag recently, under the aegis of the Akhila Karnataka Sports Karate Association (AKSKA), recognised by Karnataka Sports Authority, Govt. of Karnataka in association Chetan Karate Club.

With the new WKF point system followed at the Championships, in the U-21 Individual Kata category finals, Deia took gold by securing 23.28 points while Tejaswini K. Naik of Hubballi took silver with 22.28 points and bronze went to Saraswathi S. Adagall of Bagalkot who secured 21.75 points.

In the Senior Individual Kata category finals, Deia clinched gold by securing 19.72 points, N. Chaithrashree of Bengaluru took the Silver with 19.49 points and bronze was shared by Soudamani R. Desai of Dharwad and Vanditha Joshi of Kalaburgi with 19.39 points.

Currently Ranked No. 1 in the State in both U-21 and Senior Individual Female Kata categories, this is the 7th time Deia Urs is representing Karnataka at the Nationals. The only girl from Karnataka to win a medal (Bronze) in the Senior Kata category and silver in the U-21 category at the National Championship, Deia will be trying to improve her medal colours at the National Championship to be held at Uttarakhand.

She is the only girl from Karnataka to represent Karnataka in both U-21 and Seniors Individual Kata category four times at the National Championship.

Deia Urs, who has 3rd Degree Black Belt and is Ranked No. 2 in the U-21 years and No. 3 in the Seniors National-level, is trained by her father B.S. Srinath Urs, certified and accredited national coach. Both practice under All India Shito Ryu Karate Do Union President Kyoshi C.S. Arun Machaiah.

Excels in Karate

D.S. Swathi, training Karate at PKD (Prajwal Karate Dojo) under Sensei Prajwal and IMSKA (International Mabuni-ha Shito-ryu Karate Association) Style Chief Kyoshi Sivdas, who took part in the All India Open Invitational Karate Championship organised by Goju Ryu Karate Do Kenryu Kan India Trust, affiliated with Goju Ryu Karate Do Kenryukan Japan,at Hubballi on Oct. 9 and 10, won Silver Medal in Kata and third place in Kumite in 55-kg to 60-kg Division.

Mysuru Literature Festival 2021

India's greatest strength is composite culture, pluralism

Actor Shabana Azmi delves deep into fundamentalism, lesbianism and misogyny

Mysuru, Oct. 18 (BCT)- "Both majority and minority religious fundamentalism are a mirror reflection of each other. They both feed into the same mind-set. It is important that religious fundamentalism of any kind needs to be confronted. This is what I have learnt from my father Kaifi Azmi. India's greatest strength is her composite culture and her pluralism."

These were the words of *Padma Bhushan* Shabana Azmi, actor, activist, philanthropist and a true woman of substance. She was speaking on the theme 'Lights, Camera, Action: A cinematic tale' last evening at the second virtual session of the Fifth Edition of Mysuru Literature Festival.

As the session began, Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson of Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust, introduced and welcomed Shabana Azmi while Sam Cherian Vice-Chairman of the Trust introduced moderator Maithili Rao who is a well-known film critic, analyst and the author of the book, 'Smitha Patil - A Brief Incandescence'.

"I grew up in a household where all festivals were celebrated with great joy without any distinction as all festivals are a part of our culture," she asserted and later on engaged the viewers by talking about her numerous films and various roles.

She spoke about fundamentalism while replying to a question based on the movie 'Mee Raqsam', directed by her brother Baba Azmi. "As I have grown up in a secular atmosphere, it was but natural that our family would take on a subject like this head on," she said.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ***Sam Cheriyan, Shubha Sanjay Urs, Shabana Azmi and Maithili Rao at the virtual session yesterday.***

Azmi's take on acting, expressions, emotions and involvement...

An actor cannot always depend on spontaneous inspiration but one must also learn the craft of acting which comes from continuous observations and recording. Shabana Azmi said that a civilised behaviour expects people to control their expressions of their emotions in public but an actor has to learn to do the totally opposite thing and learn to express emotions. However, an actor should be careful not to expose the mechanics of the craft that she is using, she said.

An actor can have moods which mimic the intense roles that the actors portray. Hence, she opines that it is good to have partners who also belong to a similar domain so that the partners understand the toll taken by the involvement of the actor by getting immersed in the role.

On constructed authenticity

Shabana Azmi mesmerised the viewers with her free flow of energetic and charismatic talk and filled the available time with numerous interesting anecdotes and memories and she covered her entire journey starting from her student days when she had set up a theatre group with Farooq Shaikh till her recent tele serial "The Empire" where she plays the role of Aisan Daulat Begum, mother of Mughal king Babar.

She said that it was exciting to play the role of a strong tribal woman who was a 'King Maker' and to research to get the costumes right and not to fall prey to the clichéd template of Mughal-e-Azam. She called assembling the right look for any role as "constructed authenticity".

Accepting lesbian relationship

Airing her opinion on the short film 'Sheer Qorma', which deals with the acceptance of a lesbian relationship by the family (which won her the best actress award at the Boston International Film Festival recently), Shabana felt that the situation of LGBT community has improved a lot since the movie 'Fire' (an erotic romantic drama) was released 25 years ago.

> "I grew up in a household where all festivals were celebrated with great joy without any distinction as all festivals are a part of our culture."

"But there is still a lot of reluctance and confusion among parents and this needs to be settled. From protest to acceptance, the film scripted and directed by Faraz Arif Ansari has beautifully portrayed this aspect," she said.

The film has won 18 different awards internationally. "For me such films are very important. We have a tendency to push away who we regard as the 'other'. And that extends to everything — the other race, gender, nation and religion. And in this world where divisiveness is almost taking over, any work of art which makes a plea, not for tolerance but acceptance and empathy, becomes important," she noted.

Hostility over 'Fire'

Maithili Rao recalled the outbursts and hostility when the movie 'Fire' was released and asked how she felt playing that kind of a role for the first time. Shabana said though she liked the script a lot, she was initially apprehensive as she was then working in the slums with women and she thought it would be used against her in her work.

"I don't speak on religious lines at all in the social work I do. This I thought would be used as a weapon against me by the conservatives, saying don't listen to this woman. But Javed said if and when the film comes up for scrutiny, I'm able to defend the film, I should do it and that's when I decided to go ahead," she recalled.

India isn't a monolith. Everybody doesn't react the same way. I knew some would be puzzled, some angry, some deeply moved. But a process of questioning has to start. And that's all an artwork can do. Create awareness, a climate of sensitivity where it is possible for change to occur.

Misogyny and ostracism

Shabana regretted how she couldn't act in the next sequel 'Water', the concluding part of Deepa Mehta's elemental trilogy, a dark introspect into the tales of rural Indian widows in the 1940s and covers controversial subjects such as misogyny and ostracism. She had even shaved her head for the role. Veer Bhadra Mishra, who was working on the Ganges project, had actually endorsed the script, but the film unit was not allowed to shoot. Finally Deepa Mehta had to shoot the film in Sri Lanka with a different cast. The film was nominated for Oscars.

To Maithili Rao's question on how she prepares for her roles, and blends intuitiveness and training as an actor, Shabana fondly recalled the lessons from her teacher Roshan Taneja in the Film Institute and said, when you are a trained actor one part of you is always observing and storing.

The listeners were treated to a beautiful recitation of two poems written by Kaifi Azmi and Javed Akhtar and Shabana read out the translations of those poems in English.

'Theertha Puja' performed at Kodava Samaja

Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, celebrated 'Cauvery Sankramana' festival at its premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage this morning by performing *Kani Puja* ***and*** *Theertha Puja*. ***Arrangements were made to distribute Holy Water*** *(Theertha)* ***brought from Talacauvery to all those present on the occasion. Members of Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, attired in traditional dress, performing the puja rituals. Picture right shows MLA L. Nagendra who took part in the puja rituals attended by Kodava Samaja President K.M. Belliappa; Hon. Secretary M.M. Ponnappa and others.***

WORD OF THE DAY

Adamantine

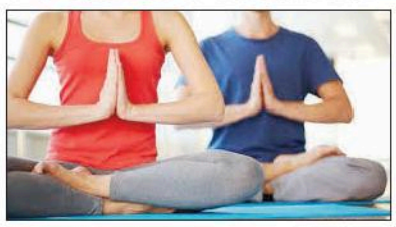
Pronunciation: ad-uh-MAN-teen.
Meaning: Rigidly firm or unyielding.
Origin: The Greek and Latin word for the hardest imaginable substance, whether applied to a legendary stone or an actual substance, such as diamond, was adamas. Latin poets used the term figuratively for things lasting, firm, or unbending, and the adjective adamantinus was applied in similar contexts. The English noun adamant (meaning "an unbreakable or extremely hard substance") as well as the adjective adamant ("inflexible" or "unyielding") came from adamas. Adamantine, however—which has such figurative uses as "rigid," "firm," and "unyielding"—came from adamantinus. Adamas is also the source of diamond. Diamas, the Latin term for diamond, is an alteration of adamas.
Example: "The black-and-white illustrations ... conjure up wind-borne snows, cliffs that rear up like waves, and waves that look as adamantine as rock." — Susannah Clapp, The Observer (London), 5 June 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Abbozzo
Preliminary sketch.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As cool as a cucumber



Meaning: To be very calm, with no worries. Someone who is not affected by pressure.
Origin: The meaning of the word "Cool" in the phrase doesn't mean having a low temperature, on the contrary, it means assured and composed. The phrase was first recorded in a poem by the British poet John Gay 'New Song on New Similies' in 1732: "Cool as a cucumber could see the rest of womankind"
Example: John — "It's Beckham with the ball, do you think he'll score? Ron — "Look at him, he's as cool as a cucumber, he'll score with no problem."

QUOTE BOX

Life is like a cucumber. One minute it's in your hand, the next it's up you ass.—**Lawrence Durrell**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Split level.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Counterfeit
5 Observed or noticed
8 Card game for three
12 The Duchess of Cambridge
13 TV Guide abbreviation
14 Disk of light round saint's head
15 A purple gemstone
17 Town in MP
18 Tint
19 Liken to
21 Sinn Fein founder ___ de Valera
24 Torso
25 Copied
26 Indian music form
27 A fierce sea monster
30 Tawdry newspaper
31 Secure a climber's rope
32 Agent
33 J&K district
34 Bustles or fuss
35 Greek goddess of the earth
36 Deathly pale
38 Songs of praise
39 Well-mannered
41 Lever for rowing
42 Epochs
43 Arbitrates or intercedes
48 Styles
49 Loan instalment
50 Commotion
51 Assassinate
52 Title role for Amitabh Bachchan
53 Those female sheep

DOWN
1 Jamaican popular music
2 Overact
3 Broke bread
4 A procedure or system
5 Eye complaint
6 Stomach muscles
7 A fuel formed by passing steam over incandescent coke or coal (5,3)
8 Ex-South Africa captain Pollock
9 Indian mountain range and pass
10 Many (1,3)
11 ____ up : make a statement etc. more harsh or emphatic?
16 Attila was one
20 Wharf
21 British nobleman
22 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
23 Shillong's state
24 Claw
26 Got back from the pawn-shop?
28 Bridle or constrain
29 Accountants in the US in short
31 Thailand money
35 Revolve
37 Effeminate, unmanly or wimpy
38 Helicopter Assoc. International
39 Seats in church
40 Spoken or verbal
41 Norse god
44 Rock music style
45 Haul
46 Dutch commune
47 Distress signal

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	K	S	■	S	T	E	W	■	A	Y	N
G	A	I	A	■	I	A	M	A	■	M	A	O
O	N	L	Y	■	P	R	O	S	P	E	R	S
■	D	O	S	E	S	■	■	T	A	R	D	Y
B	I	G	O	T	■	■	P	E	P	■	■	■
L	E	R	■	O	G	R	E	■	A	T	O	M
A	G	A	■	N	O	N	E	T	■	O	P	E
B	O	M	B	■	B	A	P	U	■	R	E	S
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W	I	D	O	W	■	■	U	N	D	U	E	■
E	P	I	T	A	P	H	S	■	A	R	T	S
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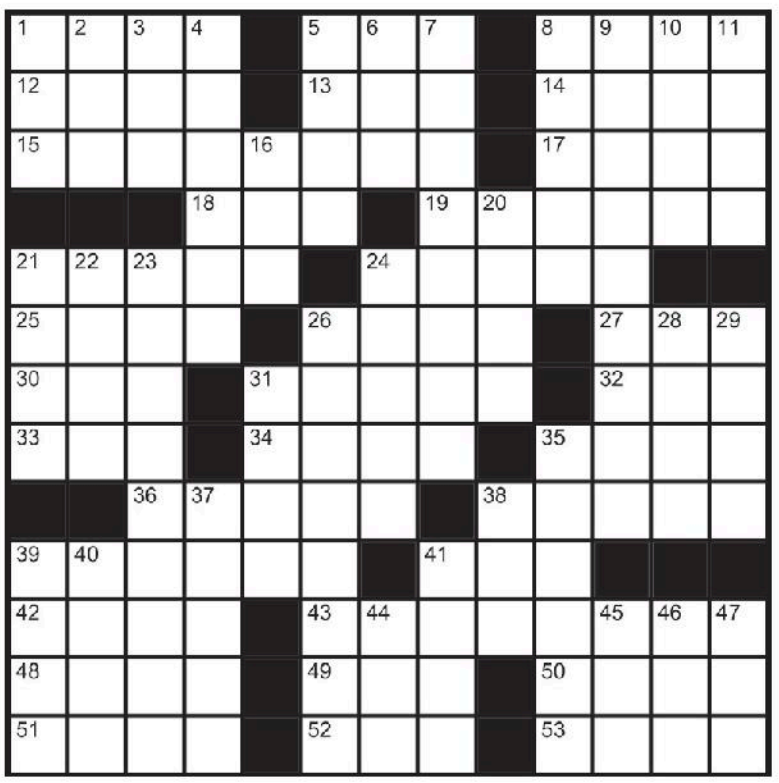

SUDOKU

				5		4	1	
		1	9				8	
5			2				3	
8				4				
	9		8		2		5	
				7				2
	5				7			1
	8				3	7		
	3	6		9				

Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	1	3	4	2	5	7	6
2	4	5	9	6	7	3	1	8
3	7	6	5	1	8	9	2	4
6	5	2	7	8	1	4	3	9
1	9	7	4	5	3	8	6	2
4	3	8	2	9	6	7	5	1
5	6	4	1	7	9	2	8	3
8	2	9	6	3	5	1	4	7
7	1	3	8	2	4	6	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GPLRB VFCLY BTF UFCYPYD ZG OTCB

JZW RCJ, CYH BTFY RNFCI.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is no human problem which could not be solved if people would simply do as I advise - Gore Vidal

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	(S-3)	8.00 am
	(S-4)	8.05 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20, 7.05
Salaga (K)	(S-1)	11.10 am, 1.50 pm
	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Pellisanda D (Te)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Doctor (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Srikrishna@Gmail.com (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 7.20 pm
Ninna Sanihake (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm

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	(S-2)	10.15 am
Kotigobba 3 (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	3.50 pm, 7.00 pm
Srikrishna@Gmail.com (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, (S-1) 7.30 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm; (S-4) 10.40 am
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E)	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	2.00 pm, 7.45 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Ninna Sanihake (K)	(S-3)	12.10 pm

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Salaga (K)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	3.15 pm

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Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E)	9.20 am
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Salaga (K)	9.45 am, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	10.40 am, 3.10 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	11.45 am, 6.35 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	12.45 pm
Doctor (Ta)	4.25 pm

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	(S-2)	8 am, 10.45, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Doctor (Ta)	(S-1)	10.55 am; (S-4) 4.00 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-4) 10.50 am, 6.50 pm
Salaga (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
	(S-3)	8.05 am, 10.30 am, 2.55 pm, 5.25 pm
Srikrishna@Gmail.com (K)	(S-3)	7.50 pm; (S-4) 1.50 pm

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Five-day Musical Fest at Nadabrahma

Aditi Prahlad

Shashank Jodidar

Prithvi Bhaskar

Niranjan Dindoli

Skanda Sastry

Mahati Raghuram

Bellary M. Raghavendra

T.R. Srinath

Mysuru, Oct. 18- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha will be hosting a five-day classical music fest for Mysureans from Oct. 20. All are physical live concerts at the Sabha premises on JLB Road in city.

The series starts with Suresh Mohan Memorial Nadakishorotsava from Oct. 20 to 22. It will be followed by Smt. Bhagirati & Kuskoor Krishnamurthy Memorial Concert sponsored by Kuskoor Brothers & Sisters on Oct. 23 and T.R. Mahalingam (Flute Mali) Samsmarana Concert sponsored by Flute Mali Samsmarana Vedike on Oct. 24.

OCTOBER 20

6 pm to 7.15 pm: Aditi Prahlad will give a vocal concert. She will be accompanied by **Prithvi Bhaskar** on violin and **Pavan Madhav Masur** on mridanga; **7.30 pm to 8.45 pm - Shashank Jodidar** will render flute concert with same accompanists.

OCTOBER 21

6 pm to 7.15 pm: Vocal concert by **Prithvi Bhaskar**; **7.30 pm to 8.45 pm -** Vocal concert by **Niranjan Dindoli.** Both will be accompanied by **Mysore M. Keshava** on violin and **Vikram Bharadwaj** on mridanga.

OCTOBER 22

6 pm to 7.15 pm: Mandolin recital by **Skanda Sastry.** He will be accompanied by **C.V. Shruti** on violin and **Nandan Kashyap** on mridanga; **7.30 pm to 8.45 pm -** Vocal concert by **Mahati Raghuram.** She will be accompanied by **C.V. Shruti** on violin and **Shubhang** on mridanga.

OCTOBER 23

6 pm: Noted vocalist **Bellary M. Raghavendra** will give a Grand Vocal Concert. He will be accompanied on violin by **Vaibhav Ramani** and mridanga by **C. Cheluvaraju** while **N. Gurumurthy** will be on ghata.

OCTOBER 24

6 pm: T.R. Srinath will be honoured with 'Venu Brahma' title on the occasion and it will be followed by a flute concert by Srinath. **Mysore M. Keshava** on violin, **G.S. Ramanujan** on mridanga and **V.S. Ramesh** on morching will be accompanying for the flute concert.

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TODAY'S MATCHES (OCTOBER 18)

Ireland Vs
Netherlands - 3.30 pm

Sri Lanka Vs
Namibia - 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (OCTOBER 19)

Scotland Vs
PapuaNewGuinea-3.30pm

Oman Vs
Bangladesh - 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Papua New Guinea - 129/9 (20)
Lose to
Oman - 131/0 (13.4)

Scotland - 140/9 (20)
Beat
Bangladesh - 134/7 (20)

CATCH LIVE ACTIONS ON STAR SPORTS

Dasara Kavigoshti on Oct. 20

Mysuru, Oct. 18- Spandana Samskrutika Parishat and Kriya Abhivyakti have jointly organised 'Dasara Kavigoshti' at Prof. M. Yamunacharya auditorium of Shyagale Shivarudramma Trust on Contour Road in Gokulam here on Oct. 20 at 10 am.

C.K. Ramegowda of Kannada Janashakti Kendra, Bengaluru, will inaugurate. Prof. Preeti Shubhachandra, retd. Director, KIKS, will preside. T. Sathish Javaregowda, President, Spandana Parishat, will speak. Dr. K. Kalachannegowda, retd. Principal, Maharaja's College, Dr. B.P. Ashakumari, Associate Professor of Kannada, Hadavanahalli Veerannagowda, writer and Prof. Prasanna Kumar Keregodu, Founder of Kriya, will be the chief guests.

Following persons will render poems: Usha Narasimhan, Dr. Vinodamma, Dr. A.R. Madankumar, Dr. D. Purushotham, A. Hemaganga, Dr. Kupnalli M. Bhyrappa, Dr. N. Vasaiah, R.C. Rajalakshmi, D. Sundari, Dr. G. Madappa, S. Shishiranjan, Anurdaha K. Singanallur, V. Tejashri, G. Vijayanag, Nagendra Hebbar, Shobha Nagashayana, Sujata Raveesh, Rahul Kumbarahalli, Lohit C. Konanur, K.P. Bharati - K.R. Nagar, C.M. Shweta - Chinakurali, Lakshmikishore Urs, N. Naveen Kumar and Nandini S.R. Konanur.

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Traffic Warden: Mysore City Police Traffic Warden Organisation.

saddest regret to announce that
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